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B) USNATO 6373 DTG 211711Z NOV 75

C) STATE 210743 DTG 042312Z SEP 75

D) USNATO 5277 DTG 261850Z SEP 75

E) STATE 233058 DTG 302310Z SEP 75

F) STATE 277369 DTG 2221175

1. WE NOTE VIENNA'S MESSAGE (REF A) ON TREATMENT OF EUROPEAN
ARMAMENTS REDUCTIONS IN SECTION III, PARA (I) IN DRAFT PUBLIC
PRESENTATION PAPER (REF B).

2. THE CONTENT OF SECTION III, PARA (I) WAS ORIGINALLY
PROPOSED BY THE FRG AS PARA 12 OF THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION
PAPAER WHICH THE FRG GAVE TO THE US BILATERALLY (REF C).

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THIS FRG PARA 12 WAS LATER CARRIED OVER IN THE FRG DRAFT
OF SECTION III REF D), AND ACCEPTED BY THE US BILATERALLY
(PARA 4, REF E).

3. WE ASSUMED THAT THE US ACCEPTED THIS FRG PARA BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE THE FRG ATTACHED TO LEAVING THE PUBLIC IN NO DOUBT, IF THE NEED AROSE, ABOUT THE EFFECT OF OPTION III ON EUROPEAN SYSTEMS. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT THIS FRG PARA, IF USED WITH THE PRESS, WOULD BE TAKEN BY THE EAST AS THE FINAL ALLIED POSITION, OR AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN A REASSURANCE TO THE WESTERN PUBLIC. THE EAST WOULD BE AWARE OF THE MORE NUANCED POSITION THE ALLIES WOULD TAKE IN THE NEGOTIATION (REF E), A POSITION WHICH THE EAST MIGHT UNDERSTAND COULD NOT EASILY BE EXPLAINED TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT SUGGESTING TO THE PUBLIC A WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT REDUCTIONS IN PHASE II. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT IN EXAMINING VIENNA'S SUGGESTED REVISION OF SECTION III, PARA (I), WASHINGTON SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBLE NEGATIVE EFFECT THIS CHANGE WOULD HAVE ON FRG RECEPTIVENESS TO THE NEW US PROPOSAL ON NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT REDUCTIONS IN THE GUIDANCE AND POSITION PAPER.BRUCE

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